

movable in a moving direction and contacts the image bearing member at a contact portion;  
a cleaning member opposed to the movable intermediate transfer member, for cleaning  
toner on the intermediate transfer member; and a charge elimination member opposed to  
the intermediate transfer member and positioned upstream of the contact portion and  
downstream of the cleaning member in the moving direction of the intermediate transfer  
member, for executing a charge elimination of the intermediate transfer member, wherein  
the toner image on the image bearing member is transferred to a transfer material by the  
intermediate transfer member. A surface resistivity of the image bearing member is equal  
to or greater than  $1 \times 10^8 \Omega/\square$  and equal to or less than  $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega/\square$ , and ~~the~~ a contact  
pressure between the image bearing member and the transfer member in the contact portion  
is equal to or greater than  $4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ [N/m}^2\text{]}$  and equal to or less than  $3 \times 10^4 \text{ [N/m}^2\text{]}$ .

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8, 16, and 17 without prejudice to or disclosure of the subject  
matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 6, 7, 14, and 15 to read, as follows. Claims 1 and 6 are as  
previously presented.

1. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
  
an image bearing member bearing a toner image thereon; and  
  
an intermediate transfer member contacting with said image bearing member in a  
  
contact portion,

wherein the toner image on said image bearing member is transferred to transfer medium by said intermediate transfer member, a Young's modulus of said image bearing member is equal to or greater than  $2 \times 10^8 \text{ N/m}^2$  and equal to or less than  $9 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ , and contact pressure between said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member in said contact portion is equal to or greater than  $4.0 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$  and equal to or less than  $7.3 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$ .

Claims 2 through 5. **(Canceled)**

6. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein a surface resistivity of said image bearing member is equal to or greater than  $1 \times 10^8 \Omega/\square$  and equal to or less than  $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega/\square$ .

7. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said image bearing member is a photosensitive member, and said transfer medium is ~~an intermediate transfer member or~~ a transfer material.

Claims 8 through 13. **(Canceled)**

14. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:  
an image bearing member for bearing a toner image:  
an intermediate transfer member which is movable in a moving direction and contacts said image bearing member at a contact portion;

a cleaning member opposed to said movable intermediate transfer member, for cleaning toner on said intermediate transfer member; and

a charge elimination member opposed to said intermediate transfer member and positioned upstream of the contact portion and downstream of said cleaning member in the moving direction of said intermediate transfer member, for ~~eliminating a charge on~~ executing a charge elimination of said intermediate transfer member,

wherein the toner image on said image bearing member is transferred to a transfer material by said intermediate transfer member, a surface resistivity of said image bearing member is equal to or greater than  $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega/\square$ , and a contact pressure between said image bearing member and said intermediate transfer member at the contact portion is equal to or greater than  $2.7 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$  and equal to or less than  $7.3 \times 10^4 \text{ N/m}^2$ .

15. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus ~~appratus~~ according to Claim 14, wherein said intermediate transfer member ~~is a belt of~~ comprises a single layer belt.

Claims 16 and 17. **(Canceled.)**